

## **LINK CANYON MINE PORTAL VEGETATIVE STUDY**

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Photographs were retaken at the Link Canyon Mine Portal area on November 4, 2010. There has not been any new growth since the last photographs were taken in September due to the end of the growing season and the cold freezing weather. There was one significant rainfall event during the later part of October.



Link Canyon West Portal Photo Point



This site is completely dormant and almost all of the leaves of the vegetation have been shed except for the Sagebrush (*Artimisia spp.*) and the Rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamsnu spp.*) The new sagebrush seedling that wasn't found during the site visit in September was found during this site visit. The seed on the numerous Halogeton plants ( *Halogeton glomeratus*) has shattered and is spread throughout the site. Halogeton plants are an annual plant and produce significant amounts of seed. They need to be controlled next season as they could become a significant competitor with the other desirable vegetation.



Link Canyon East Portal Photographic Point

All the vegetation at this site is dormant. The Rabbitbrush and the Clematis plants have set seed. Most of the seed from the existing vegetation has been disseminated. There is no water discharging from either the East or West Portals.